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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.: 10/721,631  
Filed: 11/25/2003  
Applicants: Blauvelt et al  
For: Surface-mounted photodetector for an  
optical waveguide

Art Unit: 2874  
Examiner: John D Lee

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

12/23/2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/23/2005, please amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow. Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 is hereby respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Information Disclosure Statement is transmitted herewith, along with copies of non-US-patent references.

A shortened statutory period for reply expired on 11/23/2005. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required petition fee submitted herewith.